

Southwest Area Aviation Committee

Charter

Purpose

The Southwest Area Aviation Committee is chartered by the Southwest Area Coordinating Group (SWCG) to provide a forum to enhance aviation management, safety, and communications among the respective federal and state agencies represented by SWCG. Committee recommendations and/or findings shall be forwarded to SWCG for consideration and action as necessary.

Goals

1. Provide an active forum where aviation managers and users can raise concerns or issues, and develop resolutions, regarding the safe and efficient use of aviation resources within the Southwest Area.
2. Facilitate and promote a better understanding of federal and state agency aviation policies, protocols, and procedures relating to the use of aviation resources.
3. Develop recommendations for common aviation standards within the Southwest Area.
4. Provide aviation related technical advice and coordination to SWCG and other SWCG chartered committees as necessary to promote safe and efficient use of aviation resources.
5. Coordinate aviation related safety evaluations, ASTAT, FAST, accident investigations, etc. as directed by SWCG.
6. Carry out any other aviation related tasks assigned by SWCG.

Committee Membership

Each SWCG member agency shall have one representative on the committee, regardless of the number of sub-units that agency may have represented on SWCG. Any agency may choose to have another agency represent it by proxy upon written notification to the committee chair. The committee will consist of:

- 1- USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs

- 1- USDI Bureau of Land Management
- 1- USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
- 1- USDI National Park Service
- 1- USDA Forest Service
- 1- Arizona State Lands Department
- 1- New Mexico Division of Forestry
- 1- Texas Forest Service
- 1- SWCG liaison (non-voting)

Agencies must notify the committee chair of their representative by January 1st of each year and the chair will forward the membership list to the SWCG for approval by January 15th.

The committee will appoint a chair who will serve for two calendar years. At the beginning of the second year the committee will select a vice chair who will automatically succeed to the chair.

Meetings

The committee is authorized to meet as a body, or with other aviation related groups, as often as is necessary to conduct its business. Member agencies are responsible for the costs associated with their representative attending any meetings. It is the intention of both SWCG and the committee that meetings are minimized and less costly techniques, such as conference calls, be utilized to the maximum extent possible.

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____
Cliff Chetwin
Committee Chair

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Bill Waterbury
SWCG Chair